

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, BARTER
AND EXCHANGE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS
EXCEPT FOR MEDICINAL, SCIENTIFIC,
AND SACRAMENTAL PURPOSES.

H. J. R. No. 2.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas, by amending Article 16, Section 20, thereof by striking out and repealing said section, and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 20, prohibiting the manufacture for purposes of sale, barter or exchange, and the sale, barter and exchange of intoxicating liquors, on and after the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, within this State, except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes, and providing that the Legislature of the State of Texas, shall at noon on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, by authority of this section, meet in session in the city of Austin and pass efficient laws to enforce this section; providing further, that this section shall not prevent any session of the Legislature from passing any law to enforce the same; and providing further, that all laws in force when this amendment is adopted, providing penalties or forfeitures in relation to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors, shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment, directing a proclamation therefor and making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof, and method of voting; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of this State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by striking out and repealing Section 20 thereof, and substituting in lieu of said Section 20, the following:

Section 20. The manufacture for purposes of sale, barter or exchange, and the sale, barter and exchange of intoxicating liquors on and after the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, is hereby prohibited within this State, except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes. The Legislature of the State of Texas shall, at noon, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, by authority of this section, meet in session in the city of Austin, and pass efficient laws to enforce this section; but nothing in this section shall prevent any session of the Legislature from passing any law to enforce the same; and all laws in force when this amendment is adopted providing remedies, penalties or forfeitures in relation to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed.

SEC. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in July, being the twenty-second day thereof, A. D. 1911. At said election the vote shall be by official ballot which shall have printed or written at the top thereof in plain letters the words "Official Ballot." Said ballot shall have also written or printed thereon the words "For Prohibition," and the words "Against Prohibition."

All the voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words "Against Prohibition" by making a mark through the same, and those opposing it shall erase the words "For Prohibition."

If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For Prohibition" said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes shall be "Against Prohibition" said amendment shall be lost and so declared.

All the provisions of the general election laws as amended and in force at the time said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding such election, and in all other respects, as far as such election laws can be made applicable.

SEC. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing resolution was passed by the House by the following vote: Yeas 101, nays 19; that it passed the Senate with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 6 nays; that the House concurred in Senate amendments by a vote of 89 yeas and 22 nays.]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING CITIES OF MORE THAN 5000 INHABITANTS TO ADOPT THEIR CHARTERS BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

H. J. R. No. 10.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for cities of more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 5 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 5. Cities having more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, adopt or amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature, and providing that no charter or any ordinance passed under said charter shall contain any provision inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or of the general laws enacted by the Legislature of this State; said cities may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law or by their charters; but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year, which shall exceed two and one-half per cent, of the taxable property of such city, and no debt